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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 15, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390**

Notice is hereby given of a Special Meeting of the City Council on the 15th day of August, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call Regular City Council meeting to order.
2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Prayer.
5. Citizen comment.
6. City Manager Report.
 - Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.

7. Consent Agenda

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

- A. Consideration and approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.



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Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

This section shall provide for all other official discussion and action items provided for consideration by the Council.

8. Consideration and possible action regarding approving a Taft Economic Development Corporation (EDC) annual expenditure of \$36,000.00 (payable in twelve equal installments) for the purpose of hiring an EDC Director and paying the City of Taft for administrative services; and making the payment(s) retroactive to July 1, 2023. **(Presenters: Mayor Powell, EDC President Mr. Smith, & Councilman Rodriguez)**
9. Consideration and possible action regarding the calculated No New Revenue (NNR), Voter Approved Rate (VAR), and De Minimis Property Tax Rates for the 2023 Tax Year. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
10. Consideration and possible action regarding Ordinance 23-01, an ordinance of the city of Taft, Texas ordering the November 7, 2023 General Election for the office of Mayor, one (1) Council Member Ward 1, and one (1) Council Member Ward 2; Providing for Early Voting; Providing for other matters relating to the election; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
11. Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 23-04 Establishing, Adopting, and Implementing the City of Taft Social Media and Communications Policy; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
12. Consideration and possible action regarding establishing, revising, or amending the City of Taft's COVID-19 procedures and/or policies. **(Presenters: Mayor Powell and City Manager Linn)**
13. Consideration and possible action regarding the processes followed by the VFD pertaining to the controlled burn on Toland. **(Presenters: Councilman Rodriguez and VFD Chief Smith)**
14. Consideration and possible action regarding the design, placement, and dedication of a war memorial honoring City of Taft residents that fought in various wars throughout our Nation's history. **(Presenters: Councilman Keeney, City Manager Linn, & Ms. Moreno)**
15. Items to consider for placement on future agendas. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Attorney)**



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16. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Secretary)**

17. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email mtopper@cityoftaft.net for further information. Braille is not available.

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, William Linn , certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 11th day of August, 2023 by 6:00 p.m.

/s/ William Linn

William Linn, City Manager

2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts

Form 50-856

City of Taft

(361)528-3512

Taxing Unit Name

Phone (area code and number)

PO Box 416, Taft, TX 78390

www.cityoftaft.us

Taxing Unit's Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Taxing Unit's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll and the estimated values of properties under protest. The designated officer or employee shall certify that the officer or employee has accurately calculated the tax rates and used values shown for the certified appraisal roll or certified estimate. The officer or employee submits the rates to the governing body by Aug. 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

School districts do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-859 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District without Chapter 313 Agreements* or Comptroller Form 50-884 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District with Chapter 313 Agreements*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet for Low Tax Rate and Developing Districts* or Comptroller Form 50-860 *Developed Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet*.

The Comptroller's office provides this worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

SECTION 1: No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

The NNR tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes (no new taxes) if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease.

The NNR tax rate for a county is the sum of the NNR tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies.

While uncommon, it is possible for a taxing unit to provide an exemption for only maintenance and operations taxes. In this case, the taxing unit will need to calculate the NNR tax rate separately for the maintenance and operations tax and the debt tax, then add the two components together.

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
1.	2022 total taxable value. Enter the amount of 2022 taxable value on the 2022 tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude Tax Code Section 25.25(d) one-fourth and one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. Exclude any property value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42 as of July 25 (will add undisputed value in Line 6). This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2) and the captured value for tax increment financing (adjustment is made by deducting TIF taxes, as reflected in Line 17). ¹	\$ 134,268,693
2.	2022 tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior college districts. Enter 2022 total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in 2022 or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ²	\$ 24,350,100
3.	Preliminary 2022 adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 109,918,593
4.	2022 total adopted tax rate.	\$ 0.660000 /\$100
5.	2022 taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced 2022 appraised value.	
	A. Original 2022 ARB values:	\$ 0
	B. 2022 values resulting from final court decisions:	-\$ 0
	C. 2022 value loss. Subtract B from A. ³	\$ 0
6.	2022 taxable value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42, as of July 25.	
	A. 2022 ARB certified value:	\$ 0
	B. 2022 disputed value:	-\$ 0
	C. 2022 undisputed value. Subtract B from A. ⁴	\$ 0
7.	2022 Chapter 42 related adjusted values. Add Line 5C and Line 6C.	\$ 0

¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
8.	2022 taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Add Line 3 and Line 7.	\$ 109,918,593
9.	2022 taxable value of property in territory the taxing unit deannexed after Jan. 1, 2022. Enter the 2022 value of property in deannexed territory. ⁵	\$ 0
10.	2022 taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in 2023. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport, goods-in-transit, temporary disaster exemptions. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption in 2023 does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. A. Absolute exemptions. Use 2022 market value: \$ 3,815 B. Partial exemptions. 2023 exemption amount or 2023 percentage exemption times 2022 value: + \$ 103,475 C. Value loss. Add A and B. ⁶	\$ 107,290
11.	2022 taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in 2023. Use only properties that qualified in 2023 for the first time; do not use properties that qualified in 2022. A. 2022 market value: \$ 0 B. 2023 productivity or special appraised value: - \$ 0 C. Value loss. Subtract B from A. ⁷	\$ 0
12.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 9, 10C and 11C.	\$ 107,290
13.	2022 captured value of property in a TIF. Enter the total value of 2022 captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which 2022 taxes were deposited into the tax increment fund. ⁸ If the taxing unit has no captured appraised value in line 18D, enter 0.	\$ 0
14.	2022 total value. Subtract Line 12 and Line 13 from Line 8.	\$ 109,811,303
15.	Adjusted 2022 total levy. Multiply Line 4 by Line 14 and divide by \$100.	\$ 724,754
16.	Taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2022. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the taxing unit for tax years preceding tax year 2022. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2022. This line applies only to tax years preceding tax year 2022. ⁹	\$ 1,180
17.	Adjusted 2022 levy with refunds and TIF adjustment. Add Lines 15 and 16. ¹⁰	\$ 725,934
18.	Total 2023 taxable value on the 2023 certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values or certified estimate of values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 20). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹¹ A. Certified values: \$ 134,573,013 B. Counties: Include railroad rolling stock values certified by the Comptroller's office: + \$ C. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property: - \$ 0 D. Tax increment financing: Deduct the 2023 captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the 2023 taxes will be deposited into the tax increment fund. Do not include any new property value that will be included in Line 23 below. ¹² - \$ 0 E. Total 2023 value. Add A and B, then subtract C and D.	\$ 134,573,013

⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.03(c)⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)¹¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012, 26.04(c-2)¹² Tex. Tax Code §26.03(c)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
19.	Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll. ¹³	
	A. 2023 taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any, or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value under protest. ¹⁴	\$ 18,107,208
	B. 2023 value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives taxing units a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties also are not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value of property not on the certified roll. ¹⁵	+ \$ 0
	C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B.	\$ 18,107,208
20.	2023 tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior colleges enter 2023 total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in 2022 or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ¹⁶	\$ 25,662,064
21.	2023 total taxable value. Add Lines 18E and 19C. Subtract Line 20. ¹⁷	\$ 127,018,157
22.	Total 2023 taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, 2022. Include both real and personal property. Enter the 2023 value of property in territory annexed. ¹⁸	\$ 0
23.	Total 2023 taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in 2022. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the taxing unit after Jan. 1, 2022 and be located in a new improvement. New improvements do include property on which a tax abatement agreement has expired for 2023. ¹⁹	\$ 1,991,272
24.	Total adjustments to the 2023 taxable value. Add Lines 22 and 23.	\$ 1,991,272
25.	Adjusted 2023 taxable value. Subtract Line 24 from Line 21.	\$ 125,026,885
26.	2023 NNR tax rate. Divide Line 17 by Line 25 and multiply by \$100. ²⁰	\$ 0.580622 /\$100
27.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the NNR tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the 2023 county NNR tax rate. ²¹	\$ /\$100

SECTION 2: Voter-Approval Tax Rate

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that a taxing unit may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. The voter-approval tax rate is split into two separate rates:

- 1. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate:** The M&O portion is the tax rate that is needed to raise the same amount of taxes that the taxing unit levied in the prior year plus the applicable percentage allowed by law. This rate accounts for such things as salaries, utilities and day-to-day operations.
- 2. Debt Rate:** The debt rate includes the debt service necessary to pay the taxing unit's debt payments in the coming year. This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

The voter-approval tax rate for a county is the sum of the voter-approval tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies. In most cases the voter-approval tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, but occasionally decreases in a taxing unit's debt service will cause the NNR tax rate to be higher than the voter-approval tax rate.

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
28.	2022 M&O tax rate. Enter the 2022 M&O tax rate.	\$ 0.467634 /\$100
29.	2022 taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Enter the amount in Line 8 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 109,918,593

¹³ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c) and (d)

¹⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c)

¹⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(d)

¹⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)(B)

¹⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)

¹⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)

¹⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)

²⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

²¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d)

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
30.	Total 2022 M&O levy. Multiply Line 28 by Line 29 and divide by \$100	\$ 514,016
31.	Adjusted 2022 levy for calculating NNR M&O rate.	
	<p>A. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2022. Enter the amount of M&O taxes refunded in the preceding year for taxes before that year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2022. This line applies only to tax years preceding tax year 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">849 + \$</p>	
	<p>B. 2022 taxes in TIF. Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no 2023 captured appraised value in Line 18D, enter 0.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 - \$</p>	
	<p>C. 2022 transferred function. If discontinuing all of a department, function or activity and transferring it to another taxing unit by written contract, enter the amount spent by the taxing unit discontinuing the function in the 12 months preceding the month of this calculation. If the taxing unit did not operate this function for this 12-month period, use the amount spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated the function. The taxing unit discontinuing the function will subtract this amount in D below. The taxing unit receiving the function will add this amount in D below. Other taxing units enter 0.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 +/- \$</p>	
	<p>D. 2022 M&O levy adjustments. Subtract B from A. For taxing unit with C, subtract if discontinuing function and add if receiving function.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">849 \$</p>	
	E. Add Line 30 to 31D.	\$ 514,865
32.	Adjusted 2023 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 25 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 125,026,885
33.	2023 NNR M&O rate (unadjusted). Divide Line 31E by Line 32 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.411803 /\$100
34.	Rate adjustment for state criminal justice mandate. ²³ If not applicable or less than zero, enter 0.	
	<p>A. 2023 state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 \$</p>	
	<p>B. 2022 state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the 12 months prior to the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. Enter zero if this is the first time the mandate applies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 - \$</p>	
	C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0 /\$100
	D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ 0 /\$100
35.	Rate adjustment for indigent health care expenditures. ²⁴ If not applicable or less than zero, enter 0.	
	<p>A. 2023 indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, less any state assistance received for the same purpose.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 \$</p>	
	<p>B. 2022 indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, less any state assistance received for the same purpose.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 - \$</p>	
	C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0 /\$100
	D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ 0 /\$100

²² [Reserved for expansion]²³ Tex. Tax Code §26.044²⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.0441

Line	Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
36.	Rate adjustment for county indigent defense compensation.²⁵ If not applicable or less than zero, enter 0. <p>A. 2023 indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. 2022 indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose..... \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>D. Multiply B by 0.05 and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>E. Enter the lesser of C and D. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ 0 /\$100</p>	
37.	Rate adjustment for county hospital expenditures.²⁶ If not applicable or less than zero, enter 0. <p>A. 2023 eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023. \$ 0</p> <p>B. 2022 eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022. \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>D. Multiply B by 0.08 and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>E. Enter the lesser of C and D, if applicable. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ 0 /\$100</p>	
38.	Rate adjustment for defunding municipality. This adjustment only applies to a municipality that is considered to be a defunding municipality for the current tax year under Chapter 109, Local Government Code. Chapter 109, Local Government Code only applies to municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 and includes a written determination by the Office of the Governor. See Tax Code Section 26.0444 for more information. <p>A. Amount appropriated for public safety in 2022. Enter the amount of money appropriated for public safety in the budget adopted by the municipality for the preceding fiscal year..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. Expenditures for public safety in 2022. Enter the amount of money spent by the municipality for public safety during the preceding fiscal year..... \$ 0</p> <p>C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 32 and multiply by \$100 \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ 0 /\$100</p>	
39.	Adjusted 2023 NNR M&O rate. Add Lines 33, 34D, 35D, 36E, and 37E. Subtract Line 38D.	\$ 0.411803 /\$100
40.	Adjustment for 2022 sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Cities, counties and hospital districts that collected and spent additional sales tax on M&O expenses in 2022 should complete this line. These entities will deduct the sales tax gain rate for 2023 in Section 3. Other taxing units, enter zero. <p>A. Enter the amount of additional sales tax collected and spent on M&O expenses in 2022, if any. Counties must exclude any amount that was spent for economic development grants from the amount of sales tax spent..... \$ 0</p> <p>B. Divide Line 40A by Line 32 and multiply by \$100..... \$ 0 /\$100</p> <p>C. Add Line 40B to Line 39. \$ 0.411803 /\$100</p>	
41.	2023 voter-approval M&O rate. Enter the rate as calculated by the appropriate scenario below. Special Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit qualifies as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 40C by 1.08. - or - Other Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit does not qualify as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 40C by 1.035.	\$ 0.426216 /\$100

²⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.0442²⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.0443

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D41.	Disaster Line 41 (D41): 2023 voter-approval M&O rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. If the taxing unit is located in an area declared a disaster area and at least one person is granted an exemption under Tax Code Section 11.35 for property located in the taxing unit, the governing body may direct the person calculating the voter-approval tax rate to calculate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit. The taxing unit shall continue to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in this manner until the earlier of 1) the first year in which total taxable value on the certified appraisal roll exceeds the total taxable value of the tax year in which the disaster occurred, or 2) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred If the taxing unit qualifies under this scenario, multiply Line 40C by 1.08. ²⁷ If the taxing unit does not qualify, do not complete Disaster Line 41 (Line D41).	\$ 0 /\$100
42.	Total 2023 debt to be paid with property taxes and additional sales tax revenue. Debt means the interest and principal that will be paid on debts that: (1) are paid by property taxes, (2) are secured by property taxes, (3) are scheduled for payment over a period longer than one year, and (4) are not classified in the taxing unit's budget as M&O expenses. A. Debt also includes contractual payments to other taxing units that have incurred debts on behalf of this taxing unit, if those debts meet the four conditions above. Include only amounts that will be paid from property tax revenue. Do not include appraisal district budget payments. If the governing body of a taxing unit authorized or agreed to authorize a bond, warrant, certificate of obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness on or after Sept. 1, 2021, verify if it meets the amended definition of debt before including it here. ²⁸ Enter debt amount \$ 359,431 B. Subtract unencumbered fund amount used to reduce total debt. - \$ 0 C. Subtract certified amount spent from sales tax to reduce debt (enter zero if none) - \$ 0 D. Subtract amount paid from other resources - \$ 162,000 E. Adjusted debt. Subtract B, C and D from A.	\$ 197,431
43.	Certified 2022 excess debt collections. Enter the amount certified by the collector. ²⁹	\$ 5,482
44.	Adjusted 2023 debt. Subtract Line 43 from Line 42E.	\$ 191,949
45.	2023 anticipated collection rate. A. Enter the 2023 anticipated collection rate certified by the collector. ³⁰ 106.00 % B. Enter the 2022 actual collection rate. 107.33 % C. Enter the 2021 actual collection rate. 105.39 % D. Enter the 2020 actual collection rate. 108.10 % E. If the anticipated collection rate in A is lower than actual collection rates in B, C and D, enter the lowest collection rate from B, C and D. If the anticipated rate in A is higher than at least one of the rates in the prior three years, enter the rate from A. Note that the rate can be greater than 100%. ³¹	106.00 %
46.	2023 debt adjusted for collections. Divide Line 44 by Line 45E.	\$ 181,083
47.	2023 total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 127,018,157
48.	2023 debt rate. Divide Line 46 by Line 47 and multiply by \$100. <i>I+S</i>	\$ 0.142564 /\$100 ✓
49.	2023 voter-approval tax rate. Add Lines 41 and 48.	\$ 0.568780 /\$100
D49.	Disaster Line 49 (D49): 2023 voter-approval tax rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. Complete this line if the taxing unit calculated the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit on Line D41. Add Line D41 and 48.	\$ /\$100

²⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(a)²⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(7)²⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(10) and 26.04(b)³⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(b)³¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(h), (h-1) and (h-2)

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50.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the voter-approval tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the 2023 county voter-approval tax rate.	\$ 0 /\$100

SECTION 3: NNR Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments for Additional Sales Tax to Reduce Property Taxes

Cities, counties and hospital districts may levy a sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Local voters by election must approve imposing or abolishing the additional sales tax. If approved, the taxing unit must reduce its NNR and voter-approval tax rates to offset the expected sales tax revenue.

This section should only be completed by a county, city or hospital district that is required to adjust its NNR tax rate and/or voter-approval tax rate because it adopted the additional sales tax.

Line	Additional Sales and Use Tax Worksheet	Amount/Rate
51.	Taxable Sales. For taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November 2022 or May 2023, enter the Comptroller's estimate of taxable sales for the previous four quarters. ³² Estimates of taxable sales may be obtained through the Comptroller's Allocation Historical Summary webpage. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November 2022, enter 0.	\$ 0
52.	Estimated sales tax revenue. Counties exclude any amount that is or will be spent for economic development grants from the amount of estimated sales tax revenue. ³³ Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November 2022 or in May 2023. Multiply the amount on Line 51 by the sales tax rate (.01, .005 or .0025, as applicable) and multiply the result by .95. ³⁴ - or - Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November 2022. Enter the sales tax revenue for the previous four quarters. Do not multiply by .95.	\$ 0
53.	2023 total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 127,018,157
54.	Sales tax adjustment rate. Divide Line 52 by Line 53 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0 /\$100
55.	2023 NNR tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁵ Enter the rate from Line 26 or 27, as applicable, on the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.580622 /\$100
56.	2023 NNR tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November 2022 or in May 2023. Subtract Line 54 from Line 55. Skip to Line 57 if you adopted the additional sales tax before November 2022.	\$ 0.580622 /\$100
57.	2023 voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ³⁶ Enter the rate from Line 49, Line D49 (disaster) or Line 50 (counties) as applicable, of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.568780 /\$100
58.	2023 voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Subtract Line 54 from Line 57.	\$ 0.568780 /\$100

SECTION 4: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control

A taxing unit may raise its rate for M&O funds used to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution. This includes any land, structure, building, installation, excavation, machinery, equipment or device that is used, constructed, acquired or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed pollution control requirements. The taxing unit's expenses are those necessary to meet the requirements of a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The taxing unit must provide the tax assessor with a copy of the TCEQ letter of determination that states the portion of the cost of the installation for pollution control.

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that uses M&O funds to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution.

Line	Voter-Approval Rate Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
59.	Certified expenses from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Enter the amount certified in the determination letter from TCEQ. ³⁷ The taxing unit shall provide its tax assessor-collector with a copy of the letter. ³⁸	\$ 0
60.	2023 total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 127,018,157
61.	Additional rate for pollution control. Divide Line 59 by Line 60 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0 /\$100
62.	2023 voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for pollution control. Add Line 61 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties) or Line 58 (taxing units with the additional sales tax).	\$ 0.568780 /\$100

³² Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

³³ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(i)

³⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

³⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

³⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

³⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(d)

³⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(i)

SECTION 5: Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Unused Increment Rate

The unused increment rate is the rate equal to the difference between the adopted tax rate and voter-approval tax rate adjusted to remove the unused increment rate for the prior three years.³⁹ In a year where a taxing unit adopts a rate by applying any portion of the unused increment rate, the portion of the unused increment rate must be backed out of the calculation for that year.

The difference between the adopted tax rate and adjusted voter-approval tax rate is considered zero in the following scenarios:

- a tax year before 2020;⁴⁰
- a tax year in which the municipality is a defunding municipality, as defined by Tax Code Section 26.0501(a);⁴¹ or
- after Jan. 1, 2022, a tax year in which the comptroller determines that the county implemented a budget reduction or reallocation described by Local Government Code Section 120.002(a) without the required voter approval.⁴²

Individual components can be negative, but the overall rate would be the greater of zero or the calculated rate.

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁴³

Line	Unused Increment Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
63.	Year 3 component. Subtract the 2022 actual tax rate and the 2022 unused increment rate from the 2022 voter-approval tax rate.	
A.	Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67).....	\$ 0.790306 /\$100
B.	Unused increment rate (Line 66).....	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
C.	Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.790306 /\$100
D.	Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.660000 /\$100
E.	Subtract D from C.....	\$ 0.130306 /\$100
64.	Year 2 component. Subtract the 2021 actual tax rate and the 2021 unused increment rate from the 2021 voter-approval tax rate.	
A.	Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67).....	\$ 0.670351 /\$100
B.	Unused increment rate (Line 66).....	\$ 0.000000 /\$100
C.	Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.670351 /\$100
D.	Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.770000 /\$100
E.	Subtract D from C.....	\$ -0.099649 /\$100
65.	Year 1 component. Subtract the 2020 actual tax rate and the 2020 unused increment rate from the 2020 voter-approval tax rate.	
A.	Voter-approval tax rate (Line 65).....	\$ 0.826584 /\$100
B.	Unused increment rate (Line 64).....	\$ 0 /\$100
C.	Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.826584 /\$100
D.	Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.770000 /\$100
E.	Subtract D from C.....	\$ 0.056584 /\$100
66.	2023 unused increment rate. Add Lines 63E, 64E and 65E.	\$ 0.087241 /\$100
67.	Total 2023 voter-approval tax rate, including the unused increment rate. Add Line 66 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (taxing units with the additional sales tax) or Line 62 (taxing units with pollution control).	\$ 0.656021 /\$100

³⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.013(a)

⁴⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.013(c)

⁴¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.0501(a) and (c)

⁴² Tex. Local Gov't Code §120.007(d), effective Jan. 1, 2022

⁴³ Tex. Tax Code §26.063(a)(1)

⁴⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(8-a)

⁴⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.063(a)(1)

SECTION 6: De Minimis Rate

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for a taxing unit. ⁴⁴

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that is a municipality of less than 30,000 or a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit. ⁴⁵

Line	De Minimis Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
68.	Adjusted 2023 NNR M&O tax rate. Enter the rate from Line 39 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i>	\$ 0.411803 /\$100
69.	2023 total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 21 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 127,018,157
70.	Rate necessary to impose \$500,000 in taxes. Divide \$500,000 by Line 69 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.393644 /\$100
71.	2023 debt rate. Enter the rate from Line 48 of the <i>Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.142564 /\$100 ✓
72.	De minimis rate. Add Lines 68, 70 and 71.	\$ 0.948011 /\$100

SECTION 7: Voter Approval Tax Rate Adjustment for Emergency Revenue Rate

In the tax year after the end of the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a), a taxing unit that calculated its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit due to a disaster must calculate its emergency revenue rate and reduce its voter-approval tax rate for that year. ⁴⁶

Similarly, if a taxing unit adopted a tax rate that exceeded its voter-approval tax rate, calculated normally, without holding an election to respond to a disaster, as allowed by Tax Code Section 26.042(d), in the prior year, it must also reduce its voter-approval tax rate for the current tax year. ⁴⁷

This section will apply to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit that:

- directed the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit in the manner provided for a special taxing unit in the prior year; and
- the current year is the first tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit as shown on the appraisal roll for the taxing unit submitted by the assessor for the taxing unit to the governing body exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred or the disaster occurred four years ago. This section will apply to a taxing unit in a disaster area that adopted a tax rate greater than its voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the prior year.

Note: This section does not apply if a taxing unit is continuing to calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit because it is still within the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a) because it has not met the conditions in Tax Code Section 26.042(a)(1) or (2).

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
73.	2022 adopted tax rate. Enter the rate in Line 4 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.660000 /\$100
74.	Adjusted 2022 voter-approval tax rate. Use the taxing unit's Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets from the prior year(s) to complete this line. If a disaster occurred in 2022 and the taxing unit calculated its 2022 voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) of the 2022 worksheet due to a disaster, complete the applicable sections or lines of Form 50-856-a, <i>Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> . - or - If a disaster occurred prior to 2022 for which the taxing unit continued to calculate its voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 41 (D41) in 2022, complete the separate <i>Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> to recalculate the voter-approval tax rate the taxing unit would have calculated in 2022 if it had generated revenue based on an adopted tax rate using a multiplier of 1.035 in the year(s) following the disaster. ⁴⁸ Enter the final adjusted 2022 voter-approval tax rate from the worksheet. - or - If the taxing unit adopted a tax rate above the 2022 voter-approval tax rate without calculating a disaster tax rate or holding an election due to a disaster, no recalculation is necessary. Enter the voter-approval tax rate from the prior year's worksheet.	\$ 0 /\$100
75.	Increase in 2022 tax rate due to disaster. Subtract Line 74 from Line 73.	\$ 0 /\$100
76.	Adjusted 2022 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 14 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 109,811,303
77.	Emergency revenue. Multiply Line 75 by Line 76 and divide by \$100.	\$ 0
78.	Adjusted 2023 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 25 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 125,026,885
79.	Emergency revenue rate. Divide Line 77 by Line 78 and multiply by \$100. ⁴⁹	\$ 0 /\$100

⁴⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

⁴⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(f)

⁴⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(c)

⁴⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
80.	2023 voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for emergency revenue. Subtract Line 79 from one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (taxing units with the additional sales tax), Line 62 (taxing units with pollution control) or Line 67 (taxing units with the unused increment rate).	\$ 0.656021 /\$100

SECTION 8: Total Tax Rate

Indicate the applicable total tax rates as calculated above.

No-new-revenue tax rate. \$ 0.580622 /\$100
 As applicable, enter the 2023 NNR tax rate from: Line 26, Line 27 (counties), or Line 56 (adjusted for sales tax).
 Indicate the line number used: 26

Voter-approval tax rate. \$ 0.656021 /\$100
 As applicable, enter the 2023 voter-approval tax rate from: Line 49, Line D49 (disaster), Line 50 (counties), Line 58 (adjusted for sales tax), Line 62 (adjusted for pollution control), Line 67 (adjusted for unused increment), or Line 80 (adjusted for emergency revenue).
 Indicate the line number used: 67

De minimis rate. \$ 0.948011 /\$100
 If applicable, enter the 2023 de minimis rate from Line 72.

SECTION 9: Taxing Unit Representative Name and Signature

Enter the name of the person preparing the tax rate as authorized by the governing body of the taxing unit. By signing below, you certify that you are the designated officer or employee of the taxing unit and have accurately calculated the tax rates using values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll or certified estimate of taxable value, in accordance with requirements in the Tax Code.⁵⁰

print here ➤ Marcela Thormaehlen, PCC

Printed Name of Taxing Unit Representative

sign here ➤
 Taxing Unit Representative

Date

⁵⁰ Tex. Tax Code §§26.04(c-2) and (d-2)

ORDINANCE No. 23-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS ORDERING THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, ONE COUNCIL MEMBER OFFICE FOR WARD 1, AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER OFFICE FOR WARD 2; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Taft Texas' ("City") next regular municipal election will be held on November 7, 2023 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, one (1) Council Member for Ward 1, and one (1) Council Member for Ward 2 in accordance with the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the City finds and determines that holding such an election for the office of Mayor, one (1) City Council Member for Ward 1 and one (1) City Council Member for Ward 2 is in the public interest.; and

WHEREAS, the City will contract with the San Patricio County Election Administrator to conduct the City's General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as finding of fact, as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2. ELECTION ORDERED

That a November 7, 2023, regular election for the purpose of electing individuals to the office of Mayor, one (1) City Council Member for Ward 1, and one (1) City Council Member for Ward 2 is hereby ordered; and this Order of Election is to be posted at the Taft Municipal Building on the Bulletin Board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council.

Furthermore, the City is divided into two (2) Wards that elect a City Council candidate from their respective Ward and an at-large Mayor. The residents of Ward 1 and Ward 2 may vote for those candidates in their Ward; and the residents of Taft may vote for those Mayoral candidates at-large. All in-person votes may be cast at the SPC Elections Office, Room 2, located at 410 W. Market Street, Sinton, Texas 78387 during early voting and at the Kiva Hut located at 402 Park, Taft, Texas 78390 on Election Day. The polls on Election Day shall be open for voting from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

SECTION 3. EARLY VOTING CLERK AND BALLOTS BY MAIL

The Elections Administrator of San Patricio County shall serve as early voting clerk; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting shall be in accordance with the law.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Elections Administrator (Early Voting Clerk) San Patricio County Elections, at P.O. Box 579, Sinton, Texas 78387.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk not later than the close of business on October 27, 2023.

Voters may contact the Elections Administer (Early voting Clerk) by mail at Elections Administrator (Early Voting Clerk), San Patricio County Elections, P.O. Box 576, Sinton, Texas 78387; by phone at 361-364-6121; by email at phill@sanpatriciocountytx.gov; or by visiting www.co.san-patricio.tx.us to request an application for ballot by mail, or, for any other election related questions.

An application for ballot by mail may also be obtained by visiting <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting-by-mail/application-for-ballot-by-mail.html>.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER

The Council authorizes the City Manager, or his/her designee, to negotiate and enter into Joint Election and/or other contract(s) with the San Patricio County Elections Administrator to conduct the election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in such form as shall be approved by the City Manager, or his/her designee.

SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES

The Election Judges appointed to conduct the November 7, 2023 General Election of the City of Taft are determined by San Patricio County Elections Office as detailed in the Joint Election contract agreement between the City and San Patricio County.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION

A copy of this Ordinance shall serve as proper notice of the election. This notice, including a Spanish translation thereof shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and the publication of this notice shall occur in such newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than ten (10) days before the day of the election. Additionally, this notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the City Council meetings and at the designated polling place not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 7. EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING

The polling place designated for the City of Taft for Early Voting for the November 7, 2023 General Election shall be the SPC Elections Office, Room 2, 410 W. Market Street, Sinton, Texas 78387; and for Election Day Voting for the November 7, 2023 General Election shall be the Kiva Hut, 402 Park, Taft, Texas 78390. Early Voting will be conducted from October 23 through November 3, 2023 and include the two required 12-hour voting days; voting dates and times are as follows:

Early Voting

Monday: October 23rd	8am-6pm
Tuesday: October 24th	8am-6pm
Wednesday: October 25th	8am-6pm
Thursday: October 26th	8am-6pm
Friday: October 27th	8am-6pm
Saturday: October 28th	9am-4pm
Monday: October 30th	8am-6pm
Tuesday: October 31st	8am-6pm
Wednesday: November 1st	8am-6pm
Thursday: November 2nd	7am-7pm
Friday: November 3rd	7am-7pm

Election Day

Tuesday: November 7th	7am-7pm
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The office of the Elections Administrator for purposes of early voting shall be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on November 2nd and November 3rd the two twelve (12) hour days of early voting by personal appearance. Polling locations are subject to change as may be required for compliance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 8. ELECTION TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Said election shall be held in accordance with Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 9. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein for the period of time stated.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or

section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 11. OPEN MEETING CERTIFICATION

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

By: _____
Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

ORDENANZA N° 23-01

UNA ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE TAFT, TEXAS, QUE ORDENA LAS ELECCIONES GENERALES DEL 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023 PARA EL CARGO DE ALCALDE, UN MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA OFICINA DEL DISTRITO 1 Y UN MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA OFICINA DEL DISTRITO 2; PREVER LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA; PREVER OTROS ASUNTOS RELACIONADOS CON LA ELECCIÓN; PROPORCIONAR UNA CLÁUSULA DEROGATORIA; PROPORCIONAR DIVISIBILIDAD; Y PROPORCIONAR UNA FECHA DE VIGENCIA.

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la próxima elección municipal regular de la Ciudad de Taft Texas ("Ciudad") se llevará a cabo el 7 de noviembre de 2023 con el propósito de elegir un Alcalde, un (1) Miembro del Concejo para el Distrito 1 y un (1) Miembro del Concejo para el Distrito 2 de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Ciudad encuentra y determina que la celebración de dicha elección para el cargo de Alcalde, un (1) Miembro del Concejo Municipal para el Distrito 1 y un (1) Miembro del Concejo Municipal para el Distrito 2 es de interés público.

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Ciudad contratará al Administrador Electoral del Condado de San Patricio para llevar a cabo las Elecciones Generales de la Ciudad .

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SEA ORDENADO POR EL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE TAFT, TEXAS:

SECCIÓN 1. CONSTATAIONES DE HECHO

Los considerandos anteriores se incorporan a esta Ordenanza por referencia como constatación de hecho, como si se estableciera expresamente en este documento.

SECCIÓN 2. ELECCIÓN ORDENADA

Que se ordena una elección regular del 7 de noviembre de 2023 con el propósito de elegir personas para el cargo de Alcalde, un (1) Miembro del Concejo Municipal para el Distrito 1 y un (1) Miembro del Concejo Municipal para el Distrito 2; y esta Orden de Elección se publicará en el Edificio Municipal de Taft en el tablón de anuncios utilizado para publicar avisos de las reuniones del Concejo Municipal.

Además, la Ciudad está dividida en dos (2) Distritos que eligen un candidato al Concejo Municipal de su respectivo Distrito y un Alcalde general. Los residentes del Distrito 1 y del Distrito 2 pueden votar por los candidatos de su Distrito; y los residentes de Taft pueden votar por esos candidatos a la alcaldía en general. Todos los votos en persona se pueden emitir en la Oficina de Elecciones de SPC, Sala 2, ubicada en 410 W. Market Street, Sinton, Texas 78387 durante la votación anticipada y en Kiva Hut ubicado en 402 Park, Taft, Texas 78390 el día de las elecciones. Las urnas del día de las elecciones estarán abiertas para votar desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m.

SECCIÓN 3. SECRETARIO DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y BOLETAS POR CORREO

El Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de San Patricio servirá como secretario de votación anticipada; El nombramiento de un secretario o secretarios adjuntos para la votación anticipada se hará de conformidad con la ley.

Las solicitudes de boleta por correo se enviarán por correo al Administrador de Elecciones (Secretario de Votación Anticipada) Elecciones del Condado de San Patricio, a P.O. Box 579, Sinton, Texas 78387.

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Votación Anticipada a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el 27 de octubre de 2023.

Los votantes pueden comunicarse con el Administrador de Elecciones (Secretario de Votación Anticipada) por correo al Administrador de Elecciones (Secretario de Votación Anticipada), Elecciones del Condado de San Patricio, P.O. Box 576, Sinton, Texas 78387; por teléfono al 361-364-6121; por correo electrónico a phill@sanpatriciocountytexas.gov; o visitando www.co.san-patricio.tx.us para solicitar una solicitud de boleta por correo, o, para cualquier otra pregunta relacionada con las elecciones.

También se puede obtener una solicitud de boleta por correo visitando <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting-by-mail/application-for-ballot-by-mail.html>.

SECCIÓN 4. AUTORIDAD DEL ADMINISTRADOR DE LA CIUDAD

El Concejo autoriza al Administrador de la Ciudad, o su designado, a negociar y celebrar Elecciones Conjuntas y/u otros contratos con el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de San Patricio para llevar a cabo la elección de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Código Electoral de Texas en la forma que sea aprobada por el Administrador de la Ciudad, o su designado.

SECCIÓN 5. NOMBRAMIENTO DE JUECES ELECTORALES

Los jueces electorales designados para llevar a cabo las elecciones generales del 7 de noviembre de 2023 de la ciudad de Taft son determinados por la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de San Patricio como se detalla en el acuerdo de contrato de elección conjunta entre la Ciudad y el Condado de San Patricio.

SECCIÓN 6. AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Una copia de esta Ordenanza servirá como notificación adecuada de la elección. Este aviso, incluida una traducción al español del mismo, se publicará al menos una vez en un periódico de circulación general en la Ciudad, y la publicación de

este aviso ocurrirá en dicho periódico no más de treinta (30) días y no menos de diez (10) días antes del día de la elección. Además, este aviso se publicará en el tablón de anuncios utilizado para publicar avisos de las reuniones del Concejo Municipal y en el lugar de votación designado a más tardar veintiún (21) días antes del Día de las Elecciones.

SECCIÓN 7. VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES

El lugar de votación designado para la Ciudad de Taft para la Votación Anticipada para las Elecciones Generales del 7 de noviembre de 2023 será la Oficina de Elecciones de SPC, Sala 2, 410 W. Market Street, Sinton, Texas 78387; y para la votación del día de las elecciones para las elecciones generales del 7 de noviembre de 2023 será Kiva Hut, 402 Park, Taft, Texas 78390. La votación anticipada se llevará a cabo del 23 de octubre al 3 de noviembre de 2023 e incluirá los dos días de votación requeridos de 12 horas; las fechas y horas de votación son las siguientes:

<u>Votación anticipada</u>	
Lunes: 23 de octubre	8am-6pm
Martes: 24 de octubre	8am-6pm
Miércoles: 25 de octubre	8am-6pm
Jueves: 26 de octubre	8am-6pm
Viernes: 27 de octubre	8am-6pm
Sábado: 28 de octubre	9am-4pm
Lunes: 30 de octubre	8am-6pm
Martes: 31 de octubre	8am-6pm
Miércoles: 1 de noviembre	8am-6pm
Jueves: 2 de noviembre	7am-7pm
Viernes: 3 de noviembre	7am-7pm
 <u>Día de las elecciones</u>	
Martes: 7 de noviembre	7am-7pm

La oficina del Administrador de Elecciones para fines de votación anticipada estará abierta desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 2 de noviembre y el 3 de noviembre los dos días de doce (12) horas de votación anticipada por comparecencia personal. Los lugares de votación están sujetos a cambios según sea necesario para cumplir con el Código Electoral de Texas.

SECCIÓN 8. ELECCIÓN PARA CUMPLIR CON LAS LEYES APLICABLES

Dicha elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas y la Ley Federal de Derechos Electorales de 1965, según enmendada.

SECCIÓN 9. DEROGACIÓN

Todas las ordenanzas, o partes de las mismas, que estén en conflicto o sean inconsistentes con cualquier disposición de esta Ordenanza quedan derogadas en la medida de dicho conflicto, y las disposiciones de esta

Ordenanza serán y seguirán siendo las que controlan en cuanto a los asuntos ordenados en este documento durante el período de tiempo establecido.

SECCIÓN 10. DIVISIBILIDAD

Por la presente se declara que es la intención del Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad que las frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos y secciones de esta Ordenanza sean separables, y si cualquier frase, oración de cláusula, párrafo o sección de esta Ordenanza es declarada inconstitucional por el juicio o decreto válido de cualquier tribunal de jurisdicción competente, dicha inconstitucionalidad no afectará a ninguna de las restantes frases, cláusulas, frases, párrafos o apartados de esta Ordenanza, ya que la misma habría sido promulgada por el Ayuntamiento sin la incorporación a esta Ordenanza de cualquier frase, cláusula, frase, párrafo o sección inconstitucional.

SECCIÓN 11. CERTIFICACIÓN DE REUNIÓN ABIERTA

Por la presente se encuentra y determina oficialmente que la reunión en la que se adoptó esta Ordenanza estaba abierta al público y que el aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de dicha reunión se dio según lo requerido por la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas, Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, según enmendado.

SECCIÓN 12. FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGOR

Esta ordenanza entrará en vigor inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

APROBADO Y APROBADO POR EL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE TAFT, TEXAS, ESTE DÍA 15 DE AGOSTO DE 2023.

Por: _____
Randy Powell, Alcalde

ATESTIGUAR:

Molly Topper, Secretaria de la Ciudad

RESOLUTION NO. 23-04

AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING, ADOPTING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE CITY OF TAFT SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is important that the City establishes, adopts and implements a Social Media and Communications Policy that effectively communicates how information is disseminated to the public; and,

WHEREAS, given today's technology and the use of social media sites for government purposes, it is in the best interest that the Social Media and Communications Policy, attached hereto as Attachment "A" be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to establish, adopt, and implement policies that promote good government and effectively meet the needs of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Be it further found, the City Council of Taft, Texas hereby establishes, adopts, and implements the City of Taft Social Media and Communications Policy appended hereto as Attachment "A".

Section 2. Repealer. This resolution shall be cumulative of all other resolutions of the City of Taft, and this resolution shall not operate to repeal, or, affect any other resolutions, insofar, as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this resolution; in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed. The repeal or amendment of any resolution, or, part of any resolution effectuated by the enactment of this resolution, shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under, or, by virtue of such resolution, as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or affecting any rights of the City of Taft under any section or provisions of any resolutions in effect at the time of passage of this resolution.

Section 3. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this resolution be severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this resolution shall be declared invalid by judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this resolution and the remainder of this resolution shall be enforced as written.

Section 4. That it is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business

to be considered at such meeting, including this resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, of the Texas Government Code.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution will take effect upon its adoption by the City Council and publications requirements as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

By: _____
Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT "A"



City of Taft Social Media and Communications Policies and Procedures

SECTION 1 POLICY

- 1.1 This document identifies the policies and procedures utilized by the City of Taft to disseminate and regulate information to audiences on behalf of the City of Taft, TX.
- 1.2 To provide guidelines for how the City's various communication channels may be used and the types of information that may be provided through those channels.

SECTION 2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The mission of the City of Taft is to enable citizens, staff and media in the sharing of information regarding city news and special events; and facilitate understanding of local and regional issues that impact Taft.
- 2.2 All City communication platforms including website, social media, app based and publications are for information on city government, city services, emergency messaging and city-produced or sponsored special events.



SECTION 3 SCOPE

These policies and procedures apply to all City of Taft civilian departments and are not applicable to the Taft Police Department, the Taft Volunteer Fire Department, or elected officials, who maintain their own messaging policies.

SECTION 4 MEDIA RELATIONS

4.1 The City Manager of the City of Taft serves as the coordinator for the release of information to the media and to the general public. Information is released to the media via news releases, media advisories and/or news conferences. Information to the public is released via city publications both printed and electronic, city website, city social media sites and Savvy Citizen.

4.2 The City Manager is the primary spokesperson for the City and assigns other designate representatives to speak to the media (if applicable).

4.3 Press and Media Releases on city news and events are coordinated through the City Manager's Office.

4.4 All non-emergency media interviews and non-press conference Q&A's will be conducted via email and with the media agency submitting a list of question to the City Manager or their designee at citymanager@cityoftaft.net. Any media outlet attempting to engage in "ambush" style reporting, will be directed to this policy for guidance on obtaining answers to questions.



SECTION 5 CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 The Emergency Operations Coordinator collaborates with Mayor, Chief of Staff, and City Manager and shall administer any Crisis Communication Plans. The City Manager or their designee, Webmaster and Taft Police Department PIOs are responsible for disseminating information appropriately.

5.2 In the event of a crisis situation, the City Manager or their designee will work with the Emergency Management Coordinator, Public Safety officials and the Mayor to provide information to residents and media.

SECTION 6 CITY WEBSITE

6.1 The City Manager or their designee and Webmaster are responsible for overseeing content for the city website, working in conjunction with the City Manager's office, IT Department and content editors identified by Directors of applicable City departments.

6.2 The City Manager or their designee will provide assistance to City departments in terms of content management strategy; content management system training and permissions established on the website and applicable social media.

6.3 Content of the city website: www.cityoftaft.us and www.tafttx.gov will also reflect news and information on City services, City government and City-sponsored events and programs. Links on the City website will be provided only to other government websites or non-profit agencies providing a direct service to residents through an agreement with the city.



SECTION 7 SOCIAL MEDIA

7.1 The City of Taft-City Hall official Facebook account provide information to residents on city news, city government, city services and city events. The City Manager or their designee will act as the primary administrator for the approved social media pages and platform(s). Content for the platform(s) is provided by the designated department representatives whose members represent City departments and post on behalf of their respective departments.

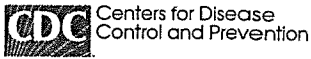
7.2 The City Manager or their designee, as primary administrators; have the authority to edit, approve and post information as necessary for all City departments.

7.3 Official City of Taft social media accounts may only be linked to employees work emails, ie: xxxxxxx@cityoftaft.net or xxxxxxx@tafttx.gov. Use of personal emails linked to city social media profiles will not be permitted.

7.4 All official City of Taft social media accounts must be registered with the City Manager's office and linked to the City of Taft's Archive Social record retention software.

7.5 The private or direct messaging features on all official City of Taft social media accounts (Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram DM, Twitter DM, etc) shall remain disabled.

7.6 City of Taft personnel are prohibited from accessing or installing Tik-Tok to any city owned electronic device.



COVID-19

Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19

Updated May 11, 2023

If you were exposed to COVID-19, you should start taking precautions.



Isolation and Exposure Calculator

A tool to help you determine if you need to isolate or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19.

[Isolation & Exposure](#)

If you have COVID-19, you can spread the virus to others. There are precautions you can take to prevent spreading it to others: isolation, masking, and avoiding contact with people who are at high risk of getting very sick. Isolation is used to separate people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 from those without COVID-19.

These recommendations do not change based on COVID-19 hospital admission levels. If you have COVID-19, also see additional information on treatments that may be available to you.

This information is intended for a general audience. Healthcare professionals should see Ending Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19. This CDC guidance is meant to supplement—not replace—any federal, state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations.



For Healthcare Professionals: Ending Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19



When to Isolate

Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate from others when you have COVID-19.

You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results. If your results are positive, follow the full isolation recommendations below. If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.



IF YOU TEST

Negative

You can end your isolation



IF YOU TEST

Positive

Follow the full isolation recommendations below

When you have COVID-19, isolation is counted in days, as follows:

If you had no symptoms

- Day 0 is the day you were tested (not the day you received your positive test result)
- Day 1 is the first full day following the day you were tested
- If you develop symptoms within 10 days of when you were tested, the clock restarts at day 0 on the day of symptom onset

If you had symptoms

- Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset, regardless of when you tested positive
- Day 1 is the first full day after the day your symptoms started



Isolation

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home.

You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days.

- Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public.
- Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask. For travel guidance, see CDC's Travel webpage.
- Do not travel.
- Stay home and separate from others as much as possible.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
- Take steps to improve ventilation at home, if possible.
- Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils.
- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (like trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.
- Learn more about what to do if you have COVID-19.



Ending Isolation

End isolation based on how serious your COVID-19 symptoms were. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

If you had no symptoms

You may end isolation after day 5.

If you had symptoms and:

Your symptoms are improving

You may end isolation after day 5 if:

Your symptoms are not improving

Continue to isolate until:

- You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).

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- Your symptoms are improving.¹

If you had symptoms and had:

Moderate illness (you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing)

You need to isolate through day 10.

Severe illness (you were hospitalized) or have a weakened immune system

- You need to isolate through day 10.
- Consult your doctor before ending isolation.
- Ending isolation without a viral test may not be an option for you.

If you are unsure if your symptoms are moderate or severe or if you have a weakened immune system, talk to a healthcare provider for further guidance.

Regardless of when you end isolation

Until at least day 11:

- Avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.
- Remember to wear a high-quality mask when indoors around others at home and in public.
- Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask until you are able to discontinue masking (see below).
- For travel guidance, see CDC's Travel webpage.



Removing Your Mask

After you have ended isolation, when you are feeling better (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms improving),

- Wear your mask through day 10.

OR

- If you have access to antigen tests, you should consider using them. With two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, you may remove your mask sooner than day 10.

Note: If your antigen test results¹ are positive, you may still be infectious. You should continue wearing a mask and wait at least 48 hours before taking another test. Continue taking antigen tests at least 48 hours apart until you have two sequential negative results. This may mean you need to continue wearing a mask and testing beyond day 10.

After you have ended isolation, if your COVID-19 symptoms recur or worsen, restart your isolation at day 0. Talk to a healthcare provider if you have questions about your symptoms or when to end isolation.

^[1] As noted in the Food and Drug Administration labeling for authorized over-the-counter antigen tests, negative test results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions.

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